(a) whether Government have reviewed or propose to review the Constitution of India in the context of the experience of the Centre-State relation since independence;

(b) whether Government have received any suggestions from the States in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what action Government have taken in the matter;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Chief Secretaries of six States in their meeting at Delhi on the 23rd May, 1992 suggested the withdrawal of 42nd Contitutional Amendment; and

(f) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The working of the Constitution has demonstrated that its fundamental scheme and provisions have withstood reasonably well the inevitable stresses and strains of a developing democracy. At present there is no proposal under consideration of the Government for a review of the Constitution of India as such.

(b) No suggestion for review of the Constitution of India as such has been received from the State Governments. However, the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission on Centre State Relations are under discussion in the Committee of the Inter-State Council.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) Information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.

Shifting of Assam rifles from Kangla Fort

650. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand to remove the Assam Rifles garrison from Kangla Fort at Imphal in Manipur;

(b) whether the State Government of Manipur had allotted an alternative site for locating the Assam Rifle garrison; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to resolve this long pending sensitive issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposal for acquisition of 156.89 acres of land at Zirabham Road, Imphal is under consideration of Government of India. As soon as this proposal for acquisition of land mentioned above, is approved by the Government of India and Government of Manipur provide facilities like water, electricity and tarmac road to the new site, suitable action would be taktn to shift the Assam Rifles from Kangla Fort, in a phased manner, to the new site.

Kidnapping in Kashmir

651. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether kidnapping by militants in Kashmir has lately become the order of the day;

(b) the number of kidnappings made by the different militant out-fits in Kashmir during the year 1991 and so far 1992; and the details thereof;

(c) the sections of siciety which are the main targets of such kidnappings; and

how many are still in captivity with the militants and since when;

(d) how many of the victims have been killed by the militants; and

(e) what steps have been taken/are being taken to secure release of the victims and the details of the ransom paid or militants released in exchange of the kidnapped persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (e) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have informed that though earlier terrorist out-fits had increasingly resorted to abductions, particularly of soft targets, of late this trend was on the decline. 290 persons were abducted by different terrorist out-fits in 1991 and another 165 persons by 10th July, 1992. Of the abducted persons, 48 were killed in 1991 and 35 in 1992 (upto 10th July, 1992).

The abductions are generally carried out by terrorist out-fits to intimidate specific groups such as, intelligence personnel, para-military forces including police personnel, political activists and leaders suspected informers selection of the population attempting to defy the dictates of the miiltants and also for extortion/ransom money.

The Government of Jammu & Kashmir have informed that as on 10th July, 1992, no person was reported to be in the captivity of the terrorist out-fits. Though the Government has not paid ransom, a few arrested persons have been releaced in exchange of some of the hostages.

तारकुंडे समिति की रिपोर्ट

652. **डा० बापू कालदाते** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तारकुंडे समिति ने अपनी रिपोर्ट सरकार को प्रस्तुत कर दी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार समिति की सिफारिशों को स्वीकार करने के बारे में विचार कर रही है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) से (ग) "कश्मीर पर समन्वय समिति" के श्री वी० एम० तारकुंडे तथा तीन अन्य ने 27 मई, 1992 को कश्मीर घाटी में मानव अधिकारों की स्थिति पर एक रिपोर्ट जारी की है। सभी रचनात्मक सुझावों पर सरकार खुले दिल से विचार करती है। तथापि, समन्वय समिति ने यह कहा है कि कश्मीर समस्या का कोई राजनैतिक समाधान ढूंढने के लिए कोई ठोस प्रस्ताव सुझाना उनके दल की कार्य सीमा के बाहर था।

Package to solve Punjab problem

653. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently offered a package to solve the Punjab problem;

(b) if so, whether the proposed package, besides the Punjab problem, seeks to solve the various issues under dispute among the States of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the reaction of the concerned State Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir.